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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Increased Production of Food-stuffs in the State.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ AGAIN—

Government Order No. G. 17806-56—G. M. 633-17-11, dated 27th June 1918, issuing instructions regarding the measures necessary to be taken to increase the production of food-stuffs in the State.

READ—

Letter No. 370, dated 28th July 1918, from the Secretary, AgriculturalCommittee, Mysore Economic Conference, forwarding with reference to the Government Order read above a *copy of the resolutions of the Committee for the orders of Government.

(*Printed as an accompaniment.)

No. R. 4602-16—L. R. 276-18-3, DATED 21ST SEPTEMBER 1918.

The Government have carefully considered the proposals of the Agricultural Committee and are pleased to pass the following orders:—

I. Facilities for disposal of darkhasts.—Special orders have been issued in Government Order No. R. 3820-68—L. R. 89-16-5, dated 11th October 1917, to facilitate and expedite disposal of darkhasts in Taluk offices. Beyond these instructions Government do not consider that any further departmental instructions are necessary.

As regards concessions, however, as inducement to take up land for cultivation of food-grains, Government agree with the Committee's resolution to grant assessed lands for a reduced upset price and are pleased to order that the limit of *malki* for the grant of land for half its value should be fixed at twice the assessment of the land.

II. Temporary cultivation.—The Government are pleased to accept the recommendations of the Committee under the head, subject to the modification that for gomal and kharab lands half the assessment should be recovered in the first year, three-fourths in the second, and full assessment in the third year.

III. Throwing open departmental reserves.—Separate orders have been passed for the transfer of 124,903 acres of Amrut Mahal kaval land to the Revenue Department.

The Excise Commissioner is requested to expedite the revision of lists of date groves in the State and set free the lands not required to be reserved in the interests of the Excise Revenue, so that they may be utilized for agricultural purposes.

IV. Operation of the Agricultural Department. Seed and implements.—The Director of Agriculture is requested to address Government in the Agricultural Department for the funds required under the head.

V. Irrigational facilities.—The question of giving water free for manurial crops is under separate consideration.

VI. Organisation.—Government will welcome the co-operation by the District and the Taluk Committees in the matter of extending cultivation to grow food-grains and the above order may be given wide publicity to enable them to do so.

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To—The Secretary, Agricultural Committee, Mysore Economic Conference.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.
The Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
The Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore.
PRESS TABLE.

Resolution passed at the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 27th July 1918, regarding measures for increasing the production of food-stuffs in the State.

RESOLUTION.

Increase in the cultivation of food crops.—Read copy of the letter from the Government of India urging on local Governments and Indian States the need for increasing the production of food-grains as far as possible.

Read Government Order No. 17806-56—G. M. 633-17-11, dated 27th June 1918, entrusting the Agricultural Committee with the development work necessary for increasing production.

Read Resolutions of an informal meeting of officers held under the Presidency of the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee on 17th July 1918 to concert measures for making lands easily available for cultivation.

The Central Committee considered the results of the discussion at the meeting point by point and unanimously resolved that the following recommendations be sent up to Government for urgent orders to enable action being taken as early as possible :—

Good lands should be made easily available to raiyats by (1) facilitating disposal of darkhasts, (2) providing for temporary cultivation of waste lands and (3) throwing open selected blocks out of Excise reserves and Amrut Mahal kavals.

1. *Darkhasts for assessed lands* :—The Committee recommend that a list be prepared of all lands the *malki* on which does not exceed 5 years' assessment and that lists of such lands available in each taluk should be kept open for public inspection in the Amildar's office and of those available in each village in the chawadi or other public place therein. Such lands should be granted to the first applicant subject to the following conditions :—

(1) The grant will be made on payment of an upset price equal to half the value of the malki on the land.

(2) The land should be cultivated with food crops at the next season after the grant and continued to be so cultivated for five successive years.

2. *Temporary cultivation.*—In regard to temporary cultivation, the Committee recommend :—

1. *Assessed lands.*—All unoccupied assessed lands may be given for temporary cultivation for three years irrespective of the period for which they have been out of holding, subject to the conditions prescribed under eksal rules, except as modified below.

2. On lands so granted one-half of the assessment for each year should be collected in advance at the beginning of the year, and the remainder after the harvest.

N.B.—The period is terminable at the option of the grantee on timely intimation being given to the Taluk Amildar.

(ii) *Gomal and kharab lands.*—Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers should be authorized to dispose of lands out of *Gomal* and *Kharab* for temporary cultivation where no objection exists, preference being given to the village community if it undertakes the cultivation. This concession may be subject to the following conditions :—

(*a*) The grant to be for three years ;

(*b*) The land to be free of revenue for the first year, half the assessment at rates prevailing for similar land at the village being levied for the 2nd year and the full assessment for the third.

(*c*) Only food crops (including such manurial crops as are calculated to render the land fitter for food crops) to be raised on the land.

(*d*) The grantee not to interfere with trees or other valuable appurtenances, and hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage caused thereto.

(iii) *Tank beds.*—Beds of breached tanks which are out of action and which are not likely to be taken up for repair within the next three years may be leased out for cultivation by Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Division Officers, on public sale, where no valid objection exists.

3. *Throwing open departmental reserves.*—The Committee recommend that Government be pleased to authorise the selection of one and a half lakhs of acres of suitable land out of Amrut Mahal and Excise reserves, after a rapid preliminary survey by an Agricultural Officer specially deputed for the purpose in conjunction with the officers of the Departments concerned. The land thus selected should be mapped out and on the approval of Government transferred to the Revenue Department for being given out for cultivation.

(*N.B.*—In the disposal of these lands, regard should be had to the formation of economic holdings and co-operative cultivation by village communities and associations of labour.)

4. *Strengthening of the Agricultural Department.*—Resolved that a sum of Rs. 25,000 be placed at the disposal of the Director of Agriculture to enable him to organise the supply of seed and implements and entertain the necessary temporary staff for district work.

5. *Irrigational facilities.*—Resolved that in areas commanded by channels water may be supplied free of charge for growing manurial crops.

Takavi loans :—If these measures result in an increase in the demand for takavi loans it is trusted that the Revenue Commissioner will ask for the necessary addition to the allotment under this head.

Organisation.—The Committee are of opinion that the existing bodies in the districts, taluks, and villages should be made use of as far as possible in carrying out the scheme which should be widely published as soon as the Orders of Government are passed on the subject.

Change of designation of the Bangalore Divisional Recruiting Officer.

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READ—

Government Order No. G. 764-818—Mily. 413-17-4, dated the 15th July 1918, sanctioning among other things the creation of the appointment of three Divisional Recruiting Officers for Bangalore, Mysore and Shimoga Divisions and the appointment of Mr. F. S. Raghavachar as the Divisional Recruiting Officer, Bangalore.

2. Letter No. 90, dated the 24th July 1918, from the Director of Recruitment in Mysore, soliciting sanction to the alteration of the designation of Mr. F. S. Raghavachar into "Assistant Director of Recruitment" as the existing nomenclature is likely to give rise to confusion owing to there being a Divisional Recruiting Officer at Bangalore, appointed by the British Military Authorities.

3. Letter No. 141, dated the 6th August 1918, from the Secretary Central Recruitment Committee, forwarding copy of Resolution No. 12 passed at the meeting of the Central Recruitment Committee on the 23rd July 1918 to the effect that the designation "Divisional RecruitingOfficer" may be changed into "Assistant Director of Recruitment" and soliciting sanction therefor.

4. Letter No. 296, dated the 10th September 1918, from the Secretary Central Recruitment Committee, forwarding copy of resolution No. 2 passed by the Central Recruitment Committee at its 13th Meeting to restrict the change of designation of "Divisional Recruiting Officer" to "Assistant Director of Recruitment" in the case of the officer at Bangalore only, and soliciting the sanction of Government therefor.

ORDER No. G. 6507-67—MILY. 48-18-4, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1918.

Sanctioned. The "Divisional Recruiting Officer" at Bangalore, will in future be styled "Assistant Director of Recruitment, Bangalore".

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Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Financial Secretary to Government.
The Director of Recruitment in Mysore.
The Secretary, Recruitment and Publicity Board in Mysore.
The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.
The Superintendent, Government Stationery.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette*.